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CLAIMS

Please amend claims 7 and 15.

1-6 (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) A protector pad for use with a piece of furniture with legs, said pad comprising a generally flat body (30) with two opposite pad faces:

- a lower pad face (22) which is soft, destined to slide against delicate surfaces without scratching them and,

- an upper pad face (26) destined to be fixed to the bottom of said leg (28) of said piece of furniture, said flat body (30) being constituted of two pieces, a base (32) and a sole (34); said base comprising a fabric (38) with a superior face forming said upper pad face and an inferior face (36) comprising first means for assembly; said sole comprising a lower layer (46) whose inferior face defines said lower pad face (22), a central layer (48) comprising a reinforced material (48) and an upper layer (42) with a superior face (43) comprising second means for assembly to assemble said sole (34) to said base (32) along an interface plane, wherein said first means for assembly comprise a plurality of grabbing member hooks (36) each member hook providing a generally constant shear resistance in all directions substantially parallel to said interface plane, said reinforced material (48) in said central layer comprising a felt impregnated by a hardened material coming from a group comprising an injected a latex base.

8. (Original) The protector pad of claim 7 wherein said second means of assembly (42) comprise fibers forming arches (44).

9. (Previously presented) The protector pad of claim 8 wherein the material of said upper layer (42) of said sole (34) comprises a felt the

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fibers thereof forming said arches.

10. (Original) The protector pad of claim 9 wherein said felt comprises materials from a group comprising polyester and natural fibers.

11. (Canceled)

5 12. (Previously presented) The protector pad of claim 7 wherein said superior layer (42) and inferior (46) layers are made of felt material.

13. (Original) The protector pad of claim 12 wherein said felt material consists either of polyester or natural fibers.

14. (Previously presented) The protector pad of claim 11 wherein said 10 reinforced material is hardened felt.

15. (Currently amended) The protector pad of claim 7 wherein said grabbing member hooks (36) providing a high shear resistance are of a mushroom shape ~~of a height shorter than a corresponding height of a J shape hook (58).~~

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